

# Generalized sampling in $U$ -invariant subspaces

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**Abstract**—In this work we carry out some results in sampling theory for  $U$ -invariant subspaces of a separable Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , also called atomic subspaces:

$$\mathcal{A}_a = \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n U^n a : \{a_n\} \in \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}) \right\},$$

where  $U$  is an unitary operator on  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $a$  is a fixed vector in  $\mathcal{H}$ . These spaces are a generalization of the well-known shift-invariant subspaces in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ ; here the space  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  is replaced by  $\mathcal{H}$ , and the shift operator by  $U$ . Having as data the samples of some related operators, we derive frame expansions allowing the recovery of the elements in  $\mathcal{A}_a$ . Moreover, we include a frame perturbation-type result whenever the samples are affected with a jitter error.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Our work is motivated by the generalized sampling problem in shift-invariant subspaces of  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . Namely, assume that our functions (signals) belong to some shift-invariant space of the form:

$$V_\varphi^2 := \overline{\text{span}}_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} \{ \varphi(t-n), n \in \mathbb{Z} \},$$

where the generator function  $\varphi$  belongs to  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  and the sequence  $\{\varphi(t-n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a Riesz sequence for  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . Thus, the shift-invariant space  $V_\varphi^2$  can be described as

$$V_\varphi^2 = \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_n \varphi(t-n) : \{\alpha_n\} \in \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}) \right\}. \quad (1)$$

On the other hand, in many common situations the available data are samples of some filtered versions  $f * h_j$  of the signal  $f$  itself, where the average function  $h_j$  reflects the characteristics of the acquisition device.

Suppose that  $s$  convolution systems (linear time-invariant systems or filters in engineering jargon)  $\mathcal{L}_j f = f * h_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ , are defined on  $V_\varphi^2$ . Assume also that the sequence of samples  $\{(\mathcal{L}_j f)(kr)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$ , where  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , is available for any  $f$  in  $V_\varphi^2$ .

Mathematically, the generalized sampling problem consists of the stable recovery of any  $f \in V_\varphi^2$  from the above sequence of samples, i.e., to obtain sampling formulas in  $V_\varphi^2$  having the form

$$f(t) = \sum_{j=1}^s \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (\mathcal{L}_j f)(kr) S_j(t-kr), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (2)$$

such that the sequence of reconstruction functions  $\{S_j(\cdot - kr)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$  is a frame for the shift-invariant space  $V_\varphi^2$  (see, for instance, [3], [5], [6], [7], [9], [10], [15], [16], [17]).

In the present work we provide a generalization of the above problem in the following sense: Let  $\{U^t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  denote a continuous group of unitary operators in  $\mathcal{H}$  containing our unitary operator  $U$  (see Section C) below). For a fixed  $a \in \mathcal{H}$ , we consider the subspace of  $\mathcal{H}$  given by

$$\mathcal{A}_a := \overline{\text{span}} \{ U^n a, n \in \mathbb{Z} \}.$$

In case that the sequence  $\{U^n a\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a Riesz sequence in  $\mathcal{H}$  (see, for instance, a necessary and sufficient condition in [13]) we have

$$\mathcal{A}_a = \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_n U^n a : \{\alpha_n\} \in \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}) \right\}.$$

On the other hand, for  $b_j \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$  we consider the linear operators  $x \in \mathcal{H} \mapsto \mathcal{L}_j x \in C(\mathbb{R})$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  as

$$(\mathcal{L}_j x)(t) := \langle x, U^t b_j \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (3)$$

These operators  $\mathcal{L}_j$  can be seen as a generalization of the previous convolution systems.

## II. GOALS AND PROCEDURE

Given  $b_j \in \mathcal{A}_a$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ , our aim is to recover any  $x \in \mathcal{A}_a$ , in a stable way, by means of the sequence of generalized samples

$$\{ (\mathcal{L}_j x)(kr) \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s},$$

obtained from (3) (here  $r$  denotes a fixed number in  $\mathbb{N}$ ). In order to do this we only deal with the discrete group  $\{U^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  completely determined by  $U$ , but we might be in presence of a time jitter error, and then, the study of the continuous group of unitary operators  $\{U^t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  becomes essential. Having as data a perturbed sequence of samples

$$\{ (\mathcal{L}_j x)(kr + \epsilon_{kj}) \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s},$$

with errors  $\epsilon_{kj} \in \mathbb{R}$ , again we want to recover  $x \in \mathcal{A}_a$ .

In order to attack these problems we have proceeded in the following steps:

- The study of when the sequence  $\{U^{kr} b_j\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$  is a complete system, a Bessel sequence, a frame or a Riesz basis for  $\mathcal{A}_a$ .
- In the frame case, search for a family of dual frames of the form  $\{U^{kr} c_j\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$ , where  $c_j \in \mathcal{A}_a$ ,  $j =$

$1, 2, \dots, s$ , allowing to recover any  $x \in \mathcal{A}_a$  by means of the sampling formula

$$x = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{j=1}^s (\mathcal{L}_j x)(kr) U^{kr} c_j \quad \text{in } \mathcal{H}. \quad (4)$$

(c) Using the standard perturbation theory of frames (see Ref. [4]) and the group of unitary operators theory [2], [18], to find a condition on the error sequence  $\{\epsilon_{kj}\}$  allowing the recovery of any  $x \in \mathcal{A}_a$  by means of a sampling expansion as

$$x = \sum_{j=1}^s \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (\mathcal{L}_j x)(kr + \epsilon_{kj}) C_{k,j}^\epsilon \quad \text{in } \mathcal{H}, \quad (5)$$

where the sequence  $\{C_{k,j}^\epsilon\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$  is a frame for  $\mathcal{A}_a$ .

At stages (a) and (b) we have used some borrowed ideas from [13]; mainly related to the stationary properties of a sequence of the form  $\{U^n b\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $b \in \mathcal{H}$ , and the spectral measure associated with the (auto)-covariance function of  $b$ .

### III. MAIN RESULTS

#### A. The study of the sequence $\{U^{kr} b_j\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$

If for every  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$  the spectral measure in the integral representation of the (cross)-covariance function of the sequences  $\{U^k a\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $\{U^k b_j\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  has no singular part, we have the following representation

$$\langle U^k a, U^{nr} b_j \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{i(k-rn)\theta} \phi_{a,b_j}(e^{i\theta}) d\theta.$$

where  $\phi_{a,b_j}$  stands for the cross spectral density of the stationary correlated sequences  $\{U^k a\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $\{U^k b_j\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ . Consider the  $s \times 1$  matrices of functions defined on the torus  $\mathbb{T} := \{e^{i\theta} : \theta \in [-\pi, \pi)\}$

$$\Phi_{a,b}(e^{i\theta}) := \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{a,b_1}(e^{i\theta}) \\ \phi_{a,b_2}(e^{i\theta}) \\ \vdots \\ \phi_{a,b_s}(e^{i\theta}) \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$\Psi_{a,b}^l(e^{i\theta}) := (D_r S^{-l} \Phi_{a,b})(e^{i\theta}), \quad l = 0, 1, \dots, r-1,$$

where  $D_r : L^2(\mathbb{T}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{T})$  denotes the decimation operator

$$\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} a_k e^{ik\theta} \xrightarrow{D_r} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} a_{rk} e^{ik\theta}$$

and  $S : L^2(\mathbb{T}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{T})$  denotes the (left) shift operator

$$\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} a_k e^{ik\theta} \xrightarrow{S} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} a_{k+1} e^{ik\theta}.$$

Finally, defining the  $s \times r$  matrix of functions on the torus  $\mathbb{T}$

$$\Psi_{a,b}(e^{i\theta}) := (\Psi_{a,b}^0(e^{i\theta}) \Psi_{a,b}^1(e^{i\theta}) \dots \Psi_{a,b}^{r-1}(e^{i\theta})), \quad (6)$$

and its related constants,

$$\begin{aligned} A_\Psi &:= \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{\zeta \in \mathbb{T}} \lambda_{\min} [\Psi_{a,b}^*(\zeta) \Psi_{a,b}(\zeta)]; \\ B_\Psi &:= \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{\zeta \in \mathbb{T}} \lambda_{\max} [\Psi_{a,b}^*(\zeta) \Psi_{a,b}(\zeta)] \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

we have the following result:

*Theorem 3.1:* Let  $b_j$  be in  $\mathcal{A}_a$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$  and let  $\Psi_{a,b}$  be the associated matrix given in (6) and its related constants (7). Then, the following results hold:

- i) The sequence  $\{U^{rk} b_j\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$  is a complete system in  $\mathcal{A}_a$  if and only the rank of the matrix  $\Psi_{a,b}(\zeta)$  is  $r$  a.e.  $\zeta$  in  $\mathbb{T}$ .
- ii) The sequence  $\{U^{rk} b_j\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$  is a Bessel sequence for  $\mathcal{A}_a$  if and only the constant  $B_\Psi < \infty$ .
- iii) The sequence  $\{U^{rk} b_j\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$  is a frame for  $\mathcal{A}_a$  if and only if constants  $A_\Psi$  and  $B_\Psi$  satisfy  $0 < A_\Psi \leq B_\Psi < \infty$ . In this case,  $A_\Psi$  and  $B_\Psi$  are the optimal frame bounds for  $\{U^{rk} b_j\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$ .
- iv) The sequence  $\{U^{rk} b_j\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$  is a Riesz basis for  $\mathcal{A}_a$  if and only if it is a frame and  $s = r$ .

#### B. The frame expansion

Define the  $r \times s$  matrix  $\Gamma$  of functions on  $\mathbb{T}$  as

$$\Gamma(e^{i\theta}) := \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \Gamma_k e^{ik\theta} = [\Psi_{a,b}^*(e^{i\theta}) \Psi_{a,b}(e^{i\theta})]^{-1} \Psi_{a,b}^*(e^{i\theta}). \quad (8)$$

Note that  $\Psi_{a,b}^\dagger(e^{i\theta}) := [\Psi_{a,b}^*(e^{i\theta}) \Psi_{a,b}(e^{i\theta})]^{-1} \Psi_{a,b}^*(e^{i\theta})$  stands for the Moore-Penrose left-inverse. In case that condition iii) in Theorem 3.1 is satisfied, we can define,

$$\tilde{a}_n := \begin{pmatrix} U^{nr} a \\ U^{nr+1} a \\ \vdots \\ U^{nr+r-1} a \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_s \end{pmatrix} := \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \Gamma_k^\top \tilde{a}_k.$$

Note that, under condition iii) in Theorem 3.1, the matrix  $\Gamma(e^{i\theta})$  has entries in  $L^\infty(\mathbb{T})$ .

Then, the sequences  $\{U^{kr} c_j\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$  and  $\{U^{kr} b_j\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$  are a pair of dual frames for  $\mathcal{A}_a$ . Hence we obtain the following recovery formula in  $\mathcal{A}_a$ : For any  $x \in \mathcal{A}_a$ , the expansion

$$x = \sum_{j=1}^s \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \langle x, U^{kr} b_j \rangle U^{kr} c_j \quad \text{in } \mathcal{H}$$

holds.

The analysis done provides a whole family of dual frames; in fact, everything works if we choose in (8) a matrix of the form

$$\Gamma_{\mathbb{U}}(e^{i\theta}) := \Psi_{a,b}^\dagger(e^{i\theta}) + \mathbb{U}(e^{i\theta}) [\mathbb{I}_s - \Psi_{a,b}(e^{i\theta}) \Psi_{a,b}^\dagger(e^{i\theta})],$$

where  $\mathbb{U}(e^{i\theta})$  denotes any  $r \times s$  matrix with entries in  $L^\infty(\mathbb{T})$ , and  $\Psi_{a,b}^\dagger$  the Moore-Penrose left pseudo-inverse.

Notice that if  $s = r$ ,  $\Psi_{a,b}^\dagger = \Psi_{a,b}^{-1}$  which implies that  $\Gamma$  is unique and we are in presence of a pair of dual Riesz basis.

*Remark:* In Theorem 3.1 we have assumed that  $b_j$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A}_a$  for each  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$  since we want the sequence  $\{U^{rk}b_j\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$  to be contained in  $\mathcal{A}_a$ . In case that some  $b_j \notin \mathcal{A}_a$ , the sequence  $\{U^{rk}b_j\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$  is not necessarily contained in  $\mathcal{A}_a$ . However, whenever  $0 < A_\Psi \leq B_\Psi < \infty$ , the inequalities

$$A_\Psi \|x\|^2 \leq \sum_{j=1}^s \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\langle x, U^{rk}b_j \rangle|^2 \leq B_\Psi \|x\|^2 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathcal{A}_a$$

hold, and conversely. Hence, the sequence  $\{U^{rk}b_j\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$  is a pseudo-frame for  $\mathcal{A}_a$  (see Refs. [11], [12]).

Denoting by  $P_{\mathcal{A}_a}$  the orthogonal projection onto  $\mathcal{A}_a$ , since for each  $x \in \mathcal{A}_a$  we have

$$\langle x, U^{rk}b_j \rangle = \langle x, P_{\mathcal{A}_a}(U^{rk}b_j) \rangle, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } j = 1, 2, \dots, s,$$

and, as a consequence, Theorem 3.1 can be reformulated in terms  $\{P_{\mathcal{A}_a}(U^{rk}b_j)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$ , a sequence in  $\mathcal{A}_a$ .

### C. The study of the time jitter error

In Sections A) and B) it is not strictly necessary to have a group of unitary operators  $\{U^t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  to obtain the announced results. However, in order to deal with the time-jitter error this formalism becomes essential in our approach.

Let  $\{U^t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  denote a continuous group of unitary operators in  $\mathcal{H}$  containing our unitary operator  $U$ , i.e., say for instance  $U := U^1$ . Recall that  $\{U^t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  is a family of unitary operators in  $\mathcal{H}$  satisfying (see Ref. [2, vol. 2; p. 29]):

- 1)  $U^t U^{t'} = U^{t+t'}$ ,
- 2)  $U^0 = I_{\mathcal{H}}$ ,
- 3)  $\langle U^t x, y \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$  is a continuous function of  $t$  for any  $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$ .

Note that  $(U^t)^{-1} = U^{-t}$ , and since  $(U^t)^* = (U^t)^{-1}$ , we have  $(U^t)^* = U^{-t}$ .

Classical Stone's theorem [14] assures us the existence of a self-adjoint operator  $T$  (possibly unbounded) such that  $U^t \equiv e^{itT}$ . This self-adjoint operator  $T$ , defined on the dense domain of  $\mathcal{H}$

$$D_T := \left\{ x \in \mathcal{H} \text{ such that } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w^2 d\|E_w x\|^2 < \infty \right\},$$

admits the spectral representation  $T = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w dE_w$  which means:

$$\langle Tx, y \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w d\langle E_w x, y \rangle \quad \text{for any } x \in D_T \text{ and } y \in \mathcal{H},$$

where  $\{E_w\}_{w \in \mathbb{R}}$  is the corresponding resolution of the identity, i.e., a one-parameter family of projection operators  $E_w$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  such that

- 1)  $E_{-\infty} := \lim_{w \rightarrow -\infty} E_w = O_{\mathcal{H}}$ ,  $E_{\infty} := \lim_{w \rightarrow \infty} E_w = I_{\mathcal{H}}$ ,

- 2)  $E_{w^-} = E_w$  for every  $-\infty < w < \infty$ ,

- 3)  $E_u E_v = E_w$  where  $w = \min\{u, v\}$ .

Recall that  $\|E_w x\|^2$  and  $\langle E_w x, y \rangle$ , as functions of  $w$ , have bounded variation and define, respectively, a positive and a complex Borel measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Furthermore, for any  $x \in D_T$  we have that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{U^t x - x}{t} = iTx$  and the operator  $T$  is said to be the infinitesimal generator of the group  $\{U^t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ . For each  $x \in D_T$ ,  $U^t x$  is a continuous differentiable function of  $t$ . Notice that, whenever the self-adjoint operator  $T$  is bounded,  $D_T = \mathcal{H}$  and  $e^{itT}$  can be defined as the usual exponential series; in any case,  $U^t \equiv e^{itT}$  means that

$$\langle U^t x, y \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{iwt} d\langle E_w x, y \rangle, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

where  $x \in D_T$  and  $y \in \mathcal{H}$ .

The following result on frame perturbation, which proof can be found in [4, p. 354] has been used:

*Lemma 3.2:* Let  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a frame for the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  with frame bounds  $A, B$ , and let  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence in  $\mathcal{H}$ . If there exists a constant  $R < A$  such that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\langle x_n - y_n, x \rangle|^2 \leq R \|x\|^2 \quad \text{for each } x \in \mathcal{H},$$

then the sequence  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is also a frame for  $\mathcal{H}$  with bounds  $A(1 - \sqrt{R/A})^2$  and  $B(1 + \sqrt{R/B})^2$ . If  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a Riesz basis, then  $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a Riesz basis.

Thus, we have the following result:

*Theorem 3.3:* Assume that for some  $b_j \in D_T$ , i.e.,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w^2 d\|E_w b_j\|^2 < \infty$  for each  $1 \leq j \leq r$ , the sequence  $\{U^{kr}b_j\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,r}$  is a Riesz basis for  $\mathcal{A}_a$  with Riesz bounds  $0 < A_\Psi \leq B_\Psi < \infty$ . For a sequence  $\epsilon := \{\epsilon_{kj}\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}, j=1,2,\dots,r}$  of errors, let  $R$  be the constant given by

$$R := \|\epsilon\|^2 \max_{j=1,2,\dots,r} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w^2 d\|E_w b_j\|^2 \right\},$$

where  $\|\epsilon\|$  denotes the  $\ell_s^2$ -norm of the sequence  $\epsilon$ .

If  $R < A_\Psi$ , then the sequence  $\{U^{kr+\epsilon_{kj}}b_j\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,r}$  is a Riesz sequence in  $\mathcal{H}$  with Riesz bounds  $A_\Psi(1 - \sqrt{R/A_\Psi})^2$  and  $B_\Psi(1 + \sqrt{R/B_\Psi})^2$ .

Next, we deal with the problem of the recovery of any  $x \in \mathcal{A}_a$  in a stable way from the perturbed sequence

$$\{(\mathcal{L}_j x)(kr + \epsilon_{kj})\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s},$$

where  $\epsilon := \{\epsilon_{kj}\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$  denotes a sequence of real errors.

Taking into account the  $L^2(0, 1)$  functions

$$g_j(w) := \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \langle a, U^k b_j \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} e^{2\pi i k w}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, s, \quad (9)$$

we can define the  $s \times r$  matrix

$$\mathbb{G}(w) := \left[ g_j \left( w + \frac{k-1}{r} \right) \right]_{\substack{j=1,2,\dots,s \\ k=1,2,\dots,r}}$$

and its related the constants  $\alpha_{\mathbb{G}}$  and  $\beta_{\mathbb{G}}$  are given by

$$\alpha_{\mathbb{G}} := \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{w \in (0, 1/r)} \lambda_{\min}[\mathbb{G}^*(w)\mathbb{G}(w)],$$

$$\beta_{\mathbb{G}} := \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{w \in (0, 1/r)} \lambda_{\max}[\mathbb{G}^*(w)\mathbb{G}(w)].$$

It is worth to mention that in [9] was proved that the sequence  $\{g_j(w) e^{2\pi i r n w}\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$  is a frame for  $L^2(0, 1)$  if and only if  $0 < \alpha_{\mathbb{G}} \leq \beta_{\mathbb{G}} < \infty$ . The idea is to consider the sequence  $\{g_{m,j}(w) e^{2\pi i r m w}\}_{m \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$  as a perturbation of the above frame in  $L^2(0, 1)$ , where

$$g_{m,j}(w) := \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \langle a, U^{k+\epsilon_{mj}} b_j \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} e^{2\pi i k w}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, s.$$

For  $|\gamma| < 1/2$ , define the functions,

$$M_{a,b_j}(\gamma) := \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \max_{t \in [-\gamma, \gamma]} |\langle a, U^{k+t} b_j \rangle - \langle a, U^k b_j \rangle|,$$

and

$$N_{a,b_j}(\gamma) := \max_{k=0,1,\dots,r-1} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \max_{t \in [-\gamma, \gamma]} |\langle a, U^{rm+k+t} b_j \rangle - \langle a, U^{rm+k} b_j \rangle|.$$

Notice that  $N_{a,b_j}(\gamma) \leq M_{a,b_j}(\gamma)$  and for  $r = 1$  the equality holds. Moreover, assuming that the continuous functions  $\varphi_j(t) := \langle a, U^t b_j \rangle$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ , satisfy a decay condition as  $\varphi_j(t) = O(|t|^{-(1+\eta_j)})$  when  $|t| \rightarrow \infty$  for some  $\eta_j > 0$ , we deduce that the functions  $N_{a,b_j}(\gamma)$  and  $M_{a,b_j}(\gamma)$  are continuous near to 0.

*Theorem 3.4:* Assume that for the functions  $g_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ , given in (9) we have  $0 < \alpha_{\mathbb{G}} \leq \beta_{\mathbb{G}} < \infty$ . For an error sequence  $\epsilon := \{\epsilon_{mj}\}_{m \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,\dots,s}$ , define the constant  $\gamma_j := \sup_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} |\epsilon_{mj}|$  for each  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ . Then the condition  $\sum_{j=1}^s M_{a,b_j}(\gamma_j) N_{a,b_j}(\gamma_j) < \alpha_{\mathbb{G}}/r$  implies that there exists a frame  $\{C_{m,j}^\epsilon\}_{m \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$  for  $\mathcal{A}_a$  such that, for any  $x \in \mathcal{A}_a$ , the sampling expansion

$$x = \sum_{j=1}^s \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \langle x, U^{rm+\epsilon_{mj}} b_j \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} C_{m,j}^\epsilon \quad \text{in } \mathcal{H}, \quad (10)$$

holds. Moreover, when  $r = s$  the sequence  $\{C_{m,j}^\epsilon\}_{m \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$  is a Riesz basis for  $\mathcal{A}_a$ , and the interpolation property  $\langle C_{n,j}^\epsilon, U^{rm+\epsilon_{ml}} b_l \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \delta_{j,l} \delta_{n,m}$  holds.

Sampling formula (10) is useless from a practical point of view: it is impossible to determine the involved frame  $\{C_{m,j}^\epsilon\}_{m \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$ . As a consequence, in order to recover  $x \in \mathcal{A}_a$  from the sequence of inner products  $\{\langle x, U^{rm+\epsilon_{mj}} b_j \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}\}_{m \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$  we could implement a frame algorithm in  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$ . Another possibility is given in the recent Ref. [1].

#### IV. CONCLUSION

By way of conclusion we may say that we have obtained a complete characterization of the sequence  $\{U^{kr} b_j\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$  in  $\mathcal{A}_a$ , where  $b_j \in \mathcal{A}_a$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq s$ . We have found a necessary and sufficient condition ensuring

that it is a complete system, a Bessel sequence, a frame or a Riesz basis for  $\mathcal{A}_a$ .

In the case that this sequence is a frame for  $\mathcal{A}_a$  we can give an explicit family of dual frames allowing to recover any  $x \in \mathcal{A}_a$  by means of a sampling formula like (4).

Concerning the perturbation framework, we have found a condition related to the  $\ell^2$ -norm of  $\epsilon = \{\epsilon_{kj}\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$  and the  $\max_{j=1,2,\dots,s} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w^2 d\|E_w b_j\|^2 \right\}$  such that the sequence  $\{U^{kr+\epsilon_{kj}} b_j\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$  is a Riesz sequence in  $\mathcal{H}$  and we have obtained a sampling expansion allowing us to recover any  $x \in \mathcal{A}_a$  in a stable way from the perturbed sequence of samples  $\{(\mathcal{L}_j x)(kr + \epsilon_{kj})\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}; j=1,2,\dots,s}$ .

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